

REMARKS

In the Official Letter, the Examiner subjected Claims 1-20 to an election, requiring the Applicants to make an election to continue with the prosecution of one of three species, namely:

Group I., as claimed in Claims 1-10.

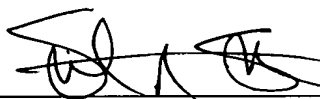
Group II., as claimed in Claims 11-16.

Group III., as claimed in Claims 17-20.

In response to the election requirement, the Applicants hereby elect the species of Group I, Claims 1-10. Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Independent Claims 11 and 17 have also been amended to link those claims to the elected species. Claims 11-20 now depend from the elected Claim 1.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is in condition for allowance and allowance of the application at issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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